

## PROCLAMATION CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2004

**WHEREAS,** cystic fibrosis is the most common fatal, genetic disease in the United States, affecting some 30,000 young people by attacking vital bodily functions, particularly breathing and digestion; and

WHEREAS, a significant commitment of time and financial resources is required each day to effectively treat the symptoms of the disease and to help prolong life; and

WHEREAS, a combination of treatment and genetic research allows a growing number of North Dakotans with cystic fibrosis to be contributing members of our society and economy; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the commitment of our young people who live with cystic fibrosis, and their families, medical personnel and non-profit organizations who assist them for their dedication and on-going efforts toward treating the symptoms of the disease and working for an eventual cure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2004, **CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State